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RAILROAD CABLE BRIDGE AND BY-PASS CONSTRUCTION  
XOM KHE, NORTH VIETNAM  
1758N 10555E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-1278 FOR COMPARISON)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:


THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS A RAILROAD CABLE BRIDGE AND A RAILROAD BY-PASS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

2. LOCATION:

THE RAILROAD CABLE BRIDGE IS LOCATED AT THE SITE OF THE DESTROYED XOM KHE RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER KHE NET  JUST SOUTHWEST OF XOM KHE AND 2.4 NM NORTHWEST OF KIM LU XA ON THE VINH/DONG HOI RAIL LINE.

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3. REMARKS:

RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHY OF  REVEALED THE FIRST KNOWN VEHICULAR CABLE BRIDGES IN NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS. THE TECHNIQUE EMPLOYED CONSISTED OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CABLES AND REMOVABLE SECTIONS OF BRIDGE DECKING IN ORDER TO MAKE AN APPARENTLY UNSERVICEABLE BRIDGE SERVICEABLE.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

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 REVEALS THE FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY:

25X1  REVEALS WOODEN A-FRAME CABLE SUPPORTS LYING ON THE  
GROUND AND ON THE TRUSS OF THE DESTROYED XOM KHE RAILROAD BRIDGE.  
CLEARING OPERATIONS FOR THE BRIDGE APPROACHES HAVE STARTED, AND  
CABLE ANCHORAGES ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

25X1  DEPICTS SEVEN WOODEN A-FRAME CABLE SUPPORTS (FOUR OF  
WHICH ARE CONSTRUCTED ON THE TRUSS OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE), TWO  
CABLES SPANNING THE RIVER, AND A CABLE ANCHORAGE ON EACH BANK. A  
SMALL RAIL SECTION IS OBSERVED ON THE NORTHWEST BANK OF THE KHE NET.

25X1  REVEALED THAT THE RAIL SECTION THAT WAS  
25X1 OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON  WAS CONSIDERABLY LONGER. (NOT  
SHOWN ON GRAPHIC)

25X1  REVEALS THAT THE RAIL SECTION HAS BEEN PLACED ON TOP OF  
THE CABLES THAT SPAN THE RIVER. CONSTRUCTION OF THE APPROACHES HAS  
CONTINUED; HOWEVER, THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE MAIN RAIL LINE  
AND THE APPROACHES. THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED RAILROAD BY-PASS HAS BEEN  
25X1 EXTENDED AND CONSTRUCTION IS NOW OBSERVED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE KHE  
NET. NO BY-PASS BRIDGE IS OBSERVED.

  
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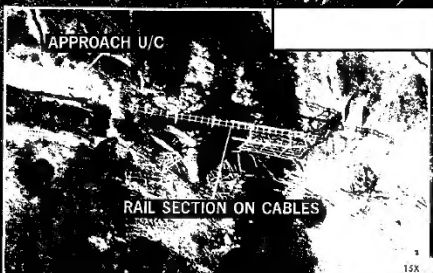
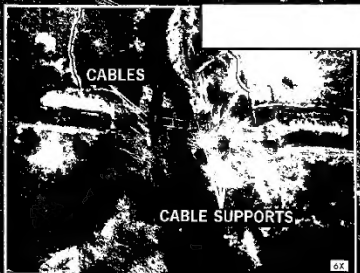
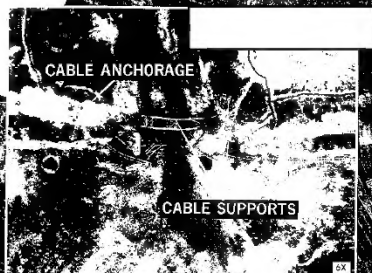
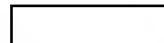
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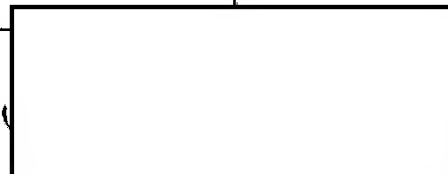
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